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SUBJECT: Strike everything amendment to S.B. 1521 relating to payroll deductions for state officers and employees

Purpose

Lowers the membership threshold for certain associations to be eligible to receive payroll deductions from the salaries or wages of state officers and employees.

Background

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-612, state officers and employees may authorize deductions from their salaries or wages for the payment of dues in an association composed principally of current or former state agency employees if the association's membership meets one of the following criteria:

- a) includes at least 1,000 state employees, other than employees of the state universities, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and academic personnel of the Arizona state schools for the deaf and the blind;
- b) includes at least 25 percent of the academic personnel or of the nonacademic employees of any state university;
- c) includes at least 25 percent of the academic personnel of the Arizona state schools for the deaf and the blind; or
- d) includes at least 500 state employees who are certified as peace officers by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows state officers and employees to authorize deductions from their salaries or wages for the payment of dues in an association composed principally of current or former state agency employees, if the association's membership is composed of:
 - a) at least 350, instead of 1,000, state employees other than employees of state universities, DPS, and academic personnel of the Arizona state schools for the deaf and blind;
 - b) at least 350, instead of 500, state employees who are AZPOST certified peace officers; or
 - c) a combined total of at least 800 state employees described in (a) or (b) above.

2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Senate Action

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